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UPCOMING EVENTS

Peterborough Historical Society
Lions Community Centre
2025

Tuesday, 15 April

AGM

Tuesday, 20 May

Speaker: Peterborough Field
Naturalists

Pairings

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Wednesday, 9 April

JoAnne's Health Food Shop
and Hutchison House Museum

Wednesday, 23 April

Kathryn Matheson Nutritionist
and The Food Shop

Hutchison House Museum

Wednesday, 7 May

Heritage Luncheons

12:00 noon and 1:30 pm

Sunday, 11 May

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

2:00 pm

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Summer Exhibit

Harvey Connal Room

Together from Apart;

Stories of Immigration.

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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, April 15, 2025

Lions Community Centre,

347 Burnham Street,

6:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Peterborough Historical Society Annual General Meeting **"Remembering Jean Murray Cole"**

In accordance with Provincial authorization, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Peterborough Historical Society will be held **on Tuesday, 15 April, 2025, at The Peterborough Lions Centre** for the following purpose:

1. To elect Directors
2. To appoint Auditors for the Corporation and to authorize the Board of Directors to fix their remuneration
3. To receive the Financial Statements for 2024, reviewed by Patrick Sweeney, Chartered Accountant

To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Only paid-up members of record at the close of business on 15 April, 2025, will be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting.

Following the meeting will be a variety of speakers celebrating the life and contributions of former PHS President, local author, heritage advocate and long-time Hutchison House volunteer Jean Murray Cole.

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".



The Peterborough Historical Society presents Pairings

Back by popular demand, the Pairings events will be returning to Hutchison House this month with two new Pairings. Picture yourself in the cozy setting of Hutchison Houses' Keeping Room for tea or coffee, while enjoying exciting topics of learning from local businesses and sampling some of Peterborough's finest treats and sweets.

Wednesday April 9, 2025 we will be pairing with **JoAnne's Place Health Food and Hutchison House Museum 7-8:30pm at Hutchison House**

Learn about the history of Jo Anne's Place and discuss the benefits of living a healthy lifestyle. For over 47 years, Jo Anne's Place has proudly lived out their mission: to be a champion for wellness in the communities we serve, from the distinctive quality of the products selected for their passion for caring for every relationship with which they are entrusted in Peterborough and Lindsay, Ontario. At Jo Anne's Place, you will find a wide selection of premium supplements and herbs, Certified Organic produce, meats, and groceries, natural household cleaners, and clean cosmetics. They are proud to have our own line of professional supplements and essential oils, as well as community education resources like our Wellness on Purpose Program and Podcast. As a local family-owned business, they are also proud to carry upwards of 90% Canadian-made products. Pamphlets, coupons, and samples will be available for participants to take home.

Wednesday April 23 we will be pairing with **Kathryn Matheson and the Food Shop 7-8:30pm at Hutchison House**

Come and learn about how to maintain a healthy diet from Nutritionist Kathryn Matheson. Our tea and coffee pairing this evening will be The Food Shop. They will have special treats to enjoy with your tea and coffee.

To save your \$10 seat at each of the evenings, call Hutchison House at (705)743-9710. Or email info@hutchisonhouse.ca Reserve now for you and your friends, as there are only 24 seats available each evening. Prepaid tickets are preferred please.

March Break at Hutchison House

Bree making
maple syrup playdough



making Masks



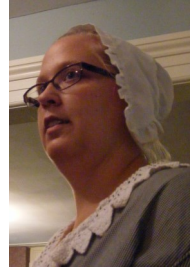
Hazel with
galaxy in a jar



Hutchison House Museum Report

Erin Panepinto

“April prepares her green traffic light and the world thinks Go.”
– Christopher Morley



As March comes to an end only the patches of snow remain and the first signs of life are starting to peek up out of their winter slumbers in the gardens around the museum. Last month was wonderfully chaotic with an Irish themed luncheon, 5 packed days of March Break day camps for kids and our annual St. Patrick's Day camp for kids. We were fortunate this year to have a student, Hayden MacNeil, from the Trent University Teacher Education program volunteering with us in February and March as part of his program. Hayden helped with the preparations for March Break as well as several of the camps, collections works and our St. Patrick's Day meals. Thank you also to Halsea Root, Bob Laing and Kathryn Furlan for their help with our day camps. This year kids made crafts with maple syrup, made masks, snow globes, decorated bird houses and feeders and made a variety of space inspired crafts.

Next up for our day camps is Kaleidoscopes! Kaleidoscopes were being mass manufactured by 1874, this day we will be learning about the different types and creating our own kaleidoscopes. Have fun with this PA Day Camp on Friday April 11, 2025 from 9:30am - noon. Cost per child is \$25. Children are required to bring their own peanut free snack. Registration is required. This workshop is appropriate for children ages 6-12. For more information or to register a child please contact the museum at 705-743-9710.

Staff and volunteers were also busy making Irish themed meals for our St. Patrick's Day meal fundraiser. Thank you to junior volunteer Rose (my niece) who helped to make the Irish Apple cake and Irish Soda bread. Thank you also to Halsea Root, Hayden MacNeil and Linda Chandler who helped with the rest of the meal prep. Thank you to everyone who ordered meals through the fundraiser. We hope that everyone had a happy St. Patrick's Day.

Bookings are also available now for our Mother's Day Tea. The Volunteers of Hutchison House Museum are hosting an elegant Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Sunday May 11th, starting at 2:00pm to celebrate this special occasion. A light lunch of delicious savories, 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 May 9th at 5pm. For more information or to reserve your seat please contact the museum office at 705-743-9710.

At the time that this report finds you, the Museum Management and Curatorship students from Sir Sandford Fleming College will have finished installing our summer exhibit: *Together from Apart; Stories of Immigration*. Students started working on this exhibit in September of 2023 and have worked hard throughout their school year to make this an exciting exhibit that encompasses stories from the Peter Robinson Settlers of 1825 to modern immigration to Peterborough today. We hope that you will take the time to drop into the museum to see their exhibit, on display until Thanksgiving.

For more information on all of our upcoming events please visit the website at <http://www.phs-hutchisonhouse.ca> or call the museum office and we will be glad to tell you about all of the exciting offerings coming up this year.

St. Patrick's day meals to go





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PHS Previous Month's Meeting "The Environmental History"

Educator, author, Examiner columnist and environmentalist Drew Monkman spoke to a well-attended March meeting of the Peterborough Historical Society about the history of climate change in the Peterborough region. Using locally-collected data (such as the Bridgenorth pharmacy which has been recording the dates Chemong Lake has iced over and become ice-free since the late 19th Century) and his own records (of bird, insect and animal numbers and species) Drew was able to illustrate how the look and composition of nature and wildlife in this region has changed over the years - with drastic reductions in the number and species of insects, some fish such as walleyes, songbirds, plants and animals, while some invasive species from the U.S. have thrived and grown (possums, aggressive ladybugs, wild turkeys etc.)

He noted how easy it is to be pessimistic about climate change which seems to have fallen off political radar screens in the face of public obsession with sovereignty, trade and expanding industry to create jobs. Asked what people can do to revive interest in the environment, Drew suggested a four-pronged approach: bolster optimism by keeping connected with nature through such activities as hiking, bird-watching and feeding, gardening and fishing; encourage reliance on science and accurate data in decision-making; encourage planning and thinking for the long-term, not just for immediate results; support public education and information sharing action about climate change; not just vote, but get politically and socially engaged at all levels to insist politicians put the environment back where it belongs - at the very top of any list of issues of importance to society.

David Wesley

Ways To Give

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