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**PHS Meeting,****Tuesday May 17, 2011****at 7:30 pm****Peterborough Public Library****Lower Level Auditorium****Aylmer Street, Peterborough****The Voices of Northcote Farm 1883-2010****By Kathy Hooke**

Northcote Farm is a 210 acre property on Lake Katchewanooka, just south of Young's Point. It is now owned by Lakefield College School.

The presentation will include slides and readings from early days to the school's future plans to interpret the land, water, buildings and written legacy of those who lived or visited the farm over the years.

Stories begin with Susannah Moodie's description of the wild raspberry patches. Much earlier, a native portage trail hugged the shoreline from Clear Lake to the west end of the property. A navel officer emigrated from France in the 1840's and built a log cabin where he raised a large family. This cabin is still standing.

Dr. Campbell Mellis Douglas settled his young family on the property in 1883 in the big house that had been built in 1878. George Douglas returned to the farm in 1907 and lived there until 1961. Dr. Hugh Gastle of Lakefield bought the property in 1962, with the promise to retain its natural and historic character. His addition of horses and sleighrides became a much-loved attraction for over 45 years.

In October 2008, the property was officially accepted by Lakefield College School, thanks to a generous donation. The Northcote Campus comprises 160 acres, 5,000 feet of shoreline, two log cabins, two barns, a house and a collection of antique cutters, sleighs, boats and wagons.

Through letters and documents, the evening promises to provide unique insights into the lives of those who cherished Northcote Farm for well over a century and a half.



President's message.....

The final details are being settled for the PHS annual excursion. For those who took part in last year's trip via Roseneath with a stop at the historic merry go round then on to Gore's Landing and then the boat ride up the Otonabee to Peterborough, it was a memorable outing. A special highlight for me was the selection of historical accounts by such famous writers as Susanna Moodie, Nichol Baird, and Charles Fothergill over the very landscapes we were traveling.

This year's trip will feature a bus ride to Bobcaygeon, home of the very first lock on the Trent-Severn Waterway and also the home of Mossom Boyd, Lumber King of the Kawarthas. We will have an opportunity to visit the lock station and tour the Boyd Heritage Museum and learn more about the role these special places and people played in our history. From there we will enjoy a luxurious boat ride on the Shallow Lakes Boat line to relive the scenic trip from Pigeon Lake through to Buckhorn that was so popular during the hey-day of resort holidaying.

Along the way you will be entertained with readings from period accounts of the area. It promises to be an enjoyable and informative day with great scenery, a wonderful hot meal served on board the vessel and congenial companions to travel with. Tickets usually go fast so please sign up early to avoid disappointment. The trip represents one of our major fund raising activities and I encourage you to support the work of the Society and enjoy a great outing.

Dennis Carter-Edwards

Day Trip

From Lock to Lumber, Timber to Tourism:

Cruising the Kawarthas with the PHS

Wednesday June 15 – 8:30am to 3:30pm



**Purchase tickets from Hutchison
House, 270 Brock St., 743-9710**

\$80 per person

\$25 Income Tax Receipt

**The Coach will leave from the Coach
Canada Terminal**

Hutchison House Report

On behalf of Ann Baker, Erin Panepinto, and myself, I would like to thank the Peterborough Historical Society for inviting our team to be guest speakers at the April PHS meeting. For many months we have been working toward developing an exhibit titled "The Life & Times of Dr. John Hutchison" that will be available for viewing on the internet on the Canadian Heritage Information Network under the Community Memories program. Look for us on the 'web' sometime near the end of May.

We had a delightful time talking about some of the interesting tidbits and conundrums we found during our research on the project. However, I would encourage anyone who has access to the internet to check out our exhibit once it is mounted. There is so much to tell with this topic and it was only possible to share a few details at the meeting last month.

Officially across the province May is Museum Month. Hutchison House is hosting numerous events this month. On Wednesday, May 4th we have another Heritage Luncheon. There are still tickets available for the 12:00 pm. and 1:30 pm. sittings, with advance booking only. The Mark Street United Church UCW ladies will be enjoying a luncheon on Tuesday, May 10th. We are looking forward to their visit to the museum.

The Hutchison House volunteers are gearing up for the annual Spring Plant Sale, Yard Sale and Scissors & Shears Sharpening event on Saturday, May 21st. The plant sale runs from 9:00 am until approximately 11:30 am, while the yard sale and sharpening will continue until 1:00 pm. As with any fundraising activity we would sincerely appreciate donations of plants and/or articles for the sale. When the spring housecleaning bug hits, please consider the museum when you are sorting your unwanted belongings or thinning those overgrown gardens.

for advance tickets at \$6 each and there will be a very few tickets available at the door for \$8 per person. Patrons will enjoy fresh rhubarb crisp topped with whipped cream and tea or coffee.

To arrange for tickets or for more information on our coming events please call the museum office at (705) 743-9710. For an up-to-date list of Hutchison House Museum events please visit our website at www.hutchisonhouse.ca. During the month of May, the museum office is open 9:00 am. to 5:00 pm.

Gale Fewings



Ann Baker, Erin Panepinto, Gale Fewings

Volunteer Opportunities

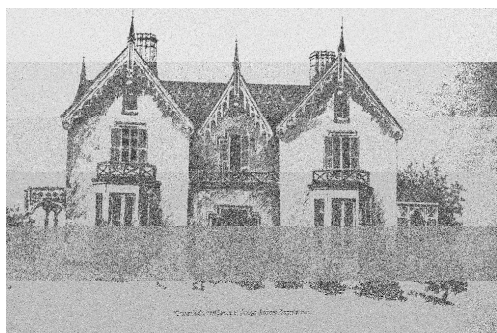
Garden Committee: For those with the urge to bloom, sprout, prune or bear fruit, consider volunteering for museum's Garden Committee. Renovations to construct the new accessible walkway caused considerable disruption to the gardens on the west side of the house. There is also major work to be done along the walkway and in the herb garden and ornamental gardens at the front and east side. More volunteers are urgently needed. To volunteer please call PHS 705 740-2600.

Fundraising Committee: This year, more than ever, PHS needs to develop an effective strategy for fundraising. Plans include a Gifts and Bequests campaign for the Endowment fund, which provides annual dividends to support operations and programs. We will also be launching a campaign to raise funds for a new roof for Hutchison House. If you are interested in helping, call Barb McIntosh 748-3040 or email mcintoshbl@simpatico.ca

New Board Members

Terry Hawkins had his first connect with Peterborough history by virtue of his birth at the long-gone Nicholls Hospital. After graduating from PCVS, he earned a BA from Western University and a Masters and Doctorate of Education from the University of Toronto. As an educator, he was Principal of Campbellford District High School and later Principal of Cobourg District High School East. For the last 13 years of his educational career, he was Superintendent of Schools with the Peterborough County Board of Education. Terry has a wide interest in local history. His most recent publication is a history of Peterborough City and County Dairies, with a collectors' guide to the milk bottles issued by these dairies. He is the new Chair of the PHS Plaque Committee.

Ben Dick was born and raised in Cambridge, Ontario. He moved to Peterborough two years ago, after graduating from the University of Waterloo with a degree in Economics and Cultural Management. He is currently the Municipal Cultural Planning Researcher for the City. His primary responsibility is co-ordinating the development of Peterborough's first Municipal Cultural Plan. He has also been involved with Community Grants, Culture Days, Artsweek, Doors Open, ACHAC, PACAC and the Community Calendar. Ben is the new Chair of the PHS Program Committee.



Inverlea Plaque Unveiling

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 1:30 p.m.

Inverlea Park, Parkhill Road. The plaque outlines the history of Inverlea House, the bequest of Charlotte Jane Nicholls and that Catherine Par Traill was the first honorary president of PHS.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

2011 Heritage Award Winners

The PHS Heritage Awards for 2011 were presented on Wednesday April 20th at the Empress Gardens. These awards are given annually to individuals and groups that have made significant contributions to heritage preservation in Peterborough and surrounding area. Graham Hart acted as Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Nominations are invited from the community at large. Winners are selected by a panel of volunteer judges: Graham Hart, Louis Taylor and Dr. Art Turner.

- **The F.H. Dobbin Award:** for exceptional coverage of historical events, through writing, photos or videos. The winner is Elwood Jones for his book *Little Lake Cemetery*.

- **The Samuel Armour Award:** for initiatives that involve and expose students to local historical opportunities and programs or development of curriculum, based on local history. Kerry –Lynn Parsons won for her Teachers' Guide in support of the theatre production about Sir Sandord Fleming, *A Man of His Time*, by Peterborough's Heritage Pavilion Stage.

- **The J. Hampden Burnham Award:** for establishing a venue for public awareness of historic events, places or people. The winner is the Save the St. Martin's Parish Hall Committee for its successful campaign to stop the possible demolition of this historic building.

- **The George Cox Award:** for historical restoration and/or preservation of Peterborough properties, including artifacts, structures, gardens and parks. Co-winners of this awards are: Terry and Katherine Helmer for restoration and adaptive re-use of the 1840s Westwood Mill on the Ouse River: and, Seven Hills Developments for the refurbishment of the facade of the Turnbull Building, respecting the heritage aspects and original dignity of this downtown Peterborough landmark.

There was no winner of the **Charlotte Nicholls Award** for significant financial donations to heritage preservation.

Peterborough History Society Annual Heritage Award Winners for 2011



Terry Hawkins (left) presented the George A. Cox Award to Terry and Katherine Helmer for adaptive re-use of the 1840s Westwood Mill on the Ouse River.



Suresh Kandaswamy presented Kerry-Lynn Parsons with the Samuel Armour Award for her Teacher's Guide, *A Man of His Time*.



Andrew Wasson (left) accepted the George A. Cox Award from Terry Hawkins, on behalf of Seven Hills Developments for the refurbishment of the façade of the Turnbull Building.

Pat Young (left) accepted the J. Hampden Burnham Award on behalf of the Save the St. Martin's Parish Hall Committee, from Ben Dick.



On behalf of Elwood Jones, Diane Robnik (left) accepted the F.H. Dobbin Award from Kathy Hooke, for his book *Little Lake Cemetery*.



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Hutchison House

Saturday May 21, 2011 Spring Plant and Yard Sale and Scissor Sharpening 9:00 a.m –noon

Donations of plants and yard sale items can be dropped at HH May 17th to May 20th.

Wednesday May 25, 2011 Rhubarb Spring Fling Sitings at 1:00, 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. \$6.00 in advance .

\$8:00 at the door.

Wednesday June 1, 2011 Heritage Lunch Sitings noon and 1:30 p.m. \$12.00 each. Reservations required. 705 743-9710

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