



# Society Newsletter

## 2023 Board of Directors



### Executive Council

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**Vice President**  
*Stephen Austin*

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*Joan Ashby Parrott*

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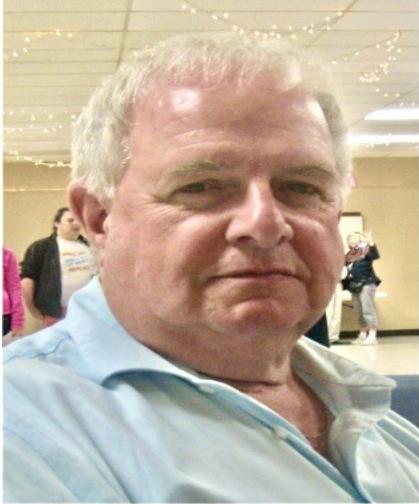
**Front row left to right:** Tim Austin, Tom Mason, Joan Ashby Parrott (Secretary/Treasurer), Jenny Dawson, Donald Davis.

**Back row left to right:** Stephen Austin (Vice President), Larry Ashby.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday May 17th. The meeting was attended by 12 PH&DHS members and 10 non-members. Seven of the non-members joined our Society. We want to welcome our new members and look forward to seeing them at our upcoming events.

**"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt" (Helen Keller)**

# Past President's Report



**PH&DHS is pleased to have the support of our business members, as listed below.**

A special thank you to everyone for their support and help during my seven years of being President.

Even though there is no successor to the President position I am confident that the newly elected Executive Council will continue to represent the Port Hope and District Historical Society with the utmost dedication that has been shown in the past.

Over the past several years we accomplished some “much-needed” major repairs to Dorothy's House. This includes replacing the shingles and adding vents to the roof, replacing and relocating the hydro panel upgrading the baseboard heaters, plus repairing and replacing the floor boards, supports and steps on the front veranda. These necessary repairs will help ensure that our museum will remain safe and sound for years to come.

I cannot stress enough that without our two annual events we would not be able to pay the monthly hydro and yearly insurance premiums.

Thanks to our members for their support over the past several years. A huge thanks to everyone who attended and helped at last year's yard sale and Monarch Tag & Release.

A huge thank you to Cal Morgan for all of the year's that he served as an Executive Member of our Society. Cal held the position of Vice President for several years and was the Editor of our newsletter. His smile and great personality will be greatly missed at our board meetings and functions. A big thank you to Helen Anne Haskill for her dedication as a Director for the past several years.

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health. Please take time to check on each other every now and then and relive some old memories and stories.

Tim Austin

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**“One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present.” (Golda Meir)**



### 2023 Repairs to the Front of Dorothy's House Museum



Original sidewalk installed 1902. Year was discovered under front steps.



Badly rotted floor supports.



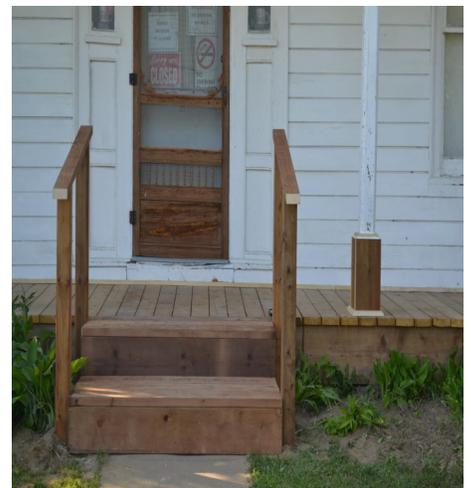
Temporary supports to prevent porch from collapse.



New floor being installed.



Finished flooring.



Completed front steps and hand rails.

### **When you Smile:**

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he/she can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

**“It is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change.” (Queen Elizabeth II)**



Dec. 29, 1935 – Dec.18, 2022

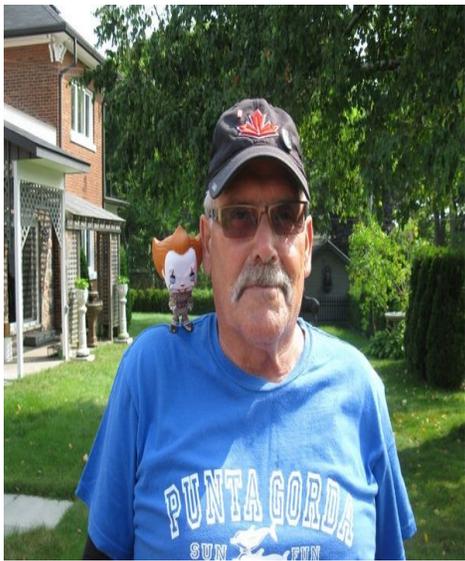
**Marilyn Gardiner**

Dear wife of Nelson Gardiner.

Marilyn was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Marilyn was a past school teacher and taught at several schools in Port Hope. A few of her enjoyments in life were euchre, knitting, plants and working with the church.

Marilyn was a Life Member of the Port Hope and District Historical Society.



Oct. 28, 1953 - Oct. 12, 2022

**Dean Bosnell**

Dear husband of Tricia Cook-Bosnell. Dean was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He was a Life Member of the Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Dean worked at our local hospitals prior to his retirement.

He often left anyone he met with a huge smile on their face and his memory will last forever.

**Events Calendar 2023**

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**Fri, Sat, Sun, July 7, 8, & 9, 2023**  
**Three-day Fundraiser Yard Sale at Dorothy’s House Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road, Garden Hill, ON. from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**July & August 2023**  
**Dorothy’s House Museum open by appointment only. Contact Joan Ashby Parrott.**

**Saturday August 26, 2023**  
**14th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag & Release at Dorothy’s House Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road, Garden Hill, ON. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2024 at 7 p.m.**  
**AGM Meeting. Location to be announced.**

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**Single \$15.00**  
**Couple \$25.00**  
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**Lifetime \$75.00**

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