

**The Municipality of  
Port Hope Historical Society**

***Newsletter***

***Spring 2007***

**Message from the President**

TIME rushes by and we are creating history each day.... Spring is here again and Summer is a new season to enjoy... As we embark upon the new season upon us, let us look forward to each and every opportunity that life presents so that we may make memories to last a lifetime and beyond.

We have a great Executive to work with this year and I look forward to working with them. If you have ideas on speakers, themes or topics please feel free to contact me.

**Your 2007-2008 Executive:**

President: Joan Smith  
Vice President: vacant  
Treasurer: Neil MacKellar  
Secretary: Ron Getz  
Directors: John Smith  
Larry Hall  
Cal Morgan  
Rod Parrott  
Joan Parrott  
John Elliot  
John van de Wall

Membership: vacant  
Member's Auxiliary: vacant

**Dorothy's House**

Chair: Mark Peacock

There are a few vacant positions available.

A new President is needed for next year's term.

If you are interested in helping to fill these positions or know of someone who might, we welcome your input and support.

Thank you in advance for all your assistance and support.

**DOROTHY'S HOUSE MUSEUM**

The society has many plans for the upcoming events. However, we will need more support and volunteers to help make things happen.

If you can help, please contact Mark Peacock at 905-797-3271.

## Past events recaptured

In September 2006, we had a display table at the Port Hope Fall Fair. There was much interest and this provided an opportunity to put a presence into the community that we are alive and preserving history.

On September 20, 2006, the St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Port Hope to start the fall season hosted A delightful dinner. It was well attended with over 70 people. The Welcome Buskers group provided the entertainment of old time songs and then a memorable trip down memory lane presented by John Jolie with his rendition of how TIME was arrived at in history in the local area. His topic was Its about TIME".

We met at the Ganaraska Region Conservation Building on highway 28 north to hear the following presentations.

On October 18, 2006, Sher Leetooze presented the history of Bible Christians and their churches in the local area.

On November 15, 2006 we heard from Sean Murphy who is a local resident in Port Hope and seen his exciting collection of early bottles and crocks – some were even local to this area. Participants were encouraged to

bring their own bottles and crocks for show and tell.

On December 3, 2006, we met at Dorothy's House Museum for the annual Wassail Bowl. There was singing and fellowshiping and many good treats that were enjoyed by all. We had about 50 participants – very successful.

On the first Friday and Saturday of February 2007 we had a display table at the Heritage Days at the Northumberland Mall in Cobourg. There was much interest and the weather was not the best. However, the attendance was attendance. Many thanks to the volunteers who manned the booth.

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 we hosted the annual Heritage Fair at the Lion's Center in Port Hope. It was well attended by over 300 people. There were over 30 display tables each depicting items of a historical nature relating to Celebrating local family histories. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to make this possible.

We were pleased to have the Mayor of Port Hope, Ms. Linda Thompson provide a greeting to the public. Also, a few words from our M.P. Mr. Rick Norlock for Northumberland County addressed the group. A Councillor, Mr. Bob Fudge assisted with the prizes that were given out.

The prizes included 4 baskets of goodies, 5 gingerbread houses, antique floor sacks, gift certificates for TimeLines Genealogy, etc.

The luncheon was superb with sandwiches and homemade pies...

On February 19, 2007 we had a display table at the Heritage Expo 2007 at the Victoria Hall in Cobourg. This was sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Trust – Ontario government program. The Minister

On March 21, 2007, Mr. Rob Winslow of the 4<sup>th</sup> line Theatre near Millbrook provided a very informative talk on the new play that he is researching called “Welcome Death” about a historic event that took place in the Welcome area with the Deyell family. You won’t want to miss that. The room was buzzing with theories on the events – many questions to ponder.

On April 18, 2007, the Annual Meeting and the election of new officers. We also heard from Mr. Ron Getz who presented us with some information of the local history pertaining to the Rebellion of 1837.

- See the front page for your current Executive. We would like to see more people attend the annual meeting – Remember your voice counts.

On May 16, 2007, we enjoyed reminiscing with Ruth Clarke the author of “What we hold Dear” a

book that she has written about the treasured memories of the Alderville first nations people. There was great interest by all.

### Coming events

Sep 2007 – dinner at the St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church with entertainment.

Oct 2007 – general meeting speakers

Nov 21, 2007 – general meeting speakers

Dec 9th, 2007 – Annual Wassail Bowl at Dorothy’s House Museum

**Jan,** <sup>2008</sup> - general meeting speaker

**Feb 2008-** Heritage Days at Cobourg Mall

**Feb 17, 2008** Heritage Days at the Lions Center - Port Hope

**Mar, 2008** – general meeting speaker

**Apr 2008-** Annual meeting

**May 2008–** general meeting speaker

June 14, 2008 - bus tour covering the townships of Hope and Hamilton. – More details to follow

**Memberships:**

I am enclosing a renewal form for memberships for the 2007-2008 season.

Yearly rates remain the same.

- Single \$9.00
- Couple \$15.00
- Business \$30.00

Thank you in advance for your continued support for historical events.

**We are also interested in your email address so that we can correspond quicker with you in the future. Please enclose with your renewed membership**

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If you have articles to submit for next newsletter, please forward to Joan Smith.

Wishing you and your family, health, happiness and memories to share.

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**Membership Fees – Annual**

Single	\$9.00
Couple	\$15.00
Family	\$20.00
Life	\$75.00
Business	\$30.00

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**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**