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Society Newsletter



ROD PARROTT

(August 30, 1939 - July 15, 2018)

PHDHS Life Time and Board Member Rod Parrott passed away on July 15, 2018 at the age of 78. He is survived by his wife Joan.

Rod will be fondly remembered, not only for his work with the Society, but also his local activism and contributions to many areas of life in Port Hope.

Rod assumed major leadership roles with the Society, bringing organization and accountability to its operations. He willingly and generously donated an incredible amount of his personal time and resources to repairing and preserving the Dorothy's House Museum in Garden Hill.

For the past 9 years, Rod also contributed his knowledge and expertise as an expert with butterflies and moths to help educate and entertain guests at the Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release event at Dorothy's house.

Rod's interest in the past and current history of Port Hope, is well known through his attendance at various local meetings where key decisions regarding the operation and future of the town were discussed.

Rod's work at preserving and recording local history and artifacts is well known.

Rod generously volunteered his time to many local organizations, including 44 years with the Ganaraska Fish Ladder and 40 years as an Associate Member of the Royal Canadian Legion. He was proud to be one of the founding members of the Port Hope Yacht Club and is well known for his career of 40 years as a brick layer .

Both Rod and Joan were recognized by the Town of Port Hope for their contributions, and on one other occasion also when the Society was recognized for its work. Rod received many awards for his involvement in the numerous Societies and Service Clubs that he was a member of including his 40 year pin from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 30.

Rod will be greatly missed by all that were fortunate to know him and our Society will never forget all that he did to maintain Dorothy's House Museum.

Did you know?

In 1880 the first road in the township was built. It was a military road and basically followed Lake Shore Road..

In 1804 Canada House was built by Elias Smith at 168 King St. in the beginning it was a home, post office and a school.

In 1811 the Hawkins Family Cemetery was established. later it became the Canton Cemetery.

In 1823 the first brick building was built in Port Hope on Mill St. It was known as the Royal Hotel.

In 1825 the Canton Mill was opened.

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President's Report

Welcome to the our Fall issue of the Newsletter.

This has been a trying year for everyone with the loss of Mr. Rodney Parrott (lifetime/executive member), Mr. John Dietz (lifetime member and past Treasuer), Mrs. Lana MacKellar (longtime and past executive member) and Mrs. Muriel Yost (contributor). Our heart felt condolences goes out to all of their families.

We managed to get our yard sale in during the booked weekend but the weather wasn't very cooperative. A big thank you to all of the volunteers, members and all those who donated items to sell.

The 9th annual Monarch tag and release was dedicated to Rod Parrott and once again was a huge success with over 300 Monarchs being tagged and released. We eagerly await to hear of any reports of arrival in Mexico.

The Fall Fair saw many visitors to our display which featured a theme of Country roots and Cowboy boots. Again a big thank you to everyone involved in representing our Society.

The scheduled repairs to Dorothy's House were held off this year and we hope to achieve them next Summer. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and I wish you all a safe winter and wish you all the best in the new year.

Tim Austin

President

















YARD SALE 2018











PORT HOPE FALL FAIR - 2018



















9th Annual Monarch Tag & Release 2018

































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In memorial

Mr. John Dietz. June 14, 1933-Sept 2, 2018



Life time member and past Treasurer of Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Mr. Dietz was a retired banker and even though he wasn't born in Port Hope he showed a strong passion for our local sports, arts, history and Municipal Politics.

His presence at local events will be missed by many.

Mrs.Lana MacKellar June 22, 1934-Sept 24 2018



Long Time Member and past Executive Member of Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Mrs. MacKellar was a Leader for Recovery Inc. and advocated for Mental Health through guide self-help for 40 years.

Mrs. Muriel Yost

Aug 9, 1927—Aug 10, 2018



Long time supporter of Dorothy's House Museum.

Mrs. Yost was the sister of the late Milfred White. She was born in Port Hope and grew up on a farm west of Elizabethville. She graduated from Port Hope High School.

Mrs. Yost celebrated her 91st birthday with her twin sister Marian the day prior to her death.

Events Calendar 2019

Wednesday May 15, 2019 at 7 p.m. AGM Meeting will be held at the Ganaraska Conservation Authority Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North, Port Hope, ON

Fri, Sat. Sun, June 28,29,30, 2019 Three-day Fundraiser Yard Sale at Dorothy's House Museum, Garden Hill, ON from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

July & August 2019 Dorothy's House Museum opens, starting July 6th, on Saturdays and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

August 24, 2019 10th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag & Release at Dorothy's House Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road, Garden Hill, ON from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September 13,14,15, 2019 Port Hope Fall Fair. PHDHS will have a display at the Fair

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