



# Society Newsletter

## Certificate of Appreciation

Congratulations! A monarch butterfly tagged by

**DON DAVIS**

as a part of Monarch Watch's large-scale mark and recapture study of the monarch's migration was recovered/sighted after its release.

Tag Code: YCE 314

Tag Date: AUGUST 24, 2018


Tag Location: DOROTHY'S HOUSE MUSEUM, GARDEN HILLS, ON

Report Date: OCTOBER 14, 2018 (MARY LOUISE WHITLOW)

Report Location: DALLAS, TEXAS, U.S.A.

Distance Traveled: 2018 KILOMETERS (DIRECT DISTANCE)

Your cooperation helps to further our knowledge of monarch butterflies!

  
Chip Taylor, Director  
Monarch Watch



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### RECOVERIES OF TAGGED MONARCHS FROM 9TH MONARCH RELEASE

2018 was the best year yet for recoveries of tagged monarch. A total of 283 monarchs were released on August 25th at Dorothy's House Museum. Two were recovered in March 2019 at the El Rosario overwintering sanctuary in the State of Michoacan, Mexico. On October 14, 2018, Mary Louise Whitlow was working in her Dallas, Texas garden when she spotted a tagged monarch feeding on frostweed. Mary photographed this monarch. A fourth monarch was spotted on August 29th, flying around the abundant goldenrod near Garden Hill Pond. It never left Ontario.

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Did you know?

- 1847 The Campbellocroft Mill opened and become the last operating mill on the Ganaraska River.
- 1885 The first telephone switchboard in Port Hope was set up at the Thomas Long Building.
- 1893 Fire destroys Trinity College and Town Hall.
- 1889 Prime Minister Macdonald unveils a statue of Col. A. T. H. Williams in front of Town Hall.
- 1922 The Honorable Vincent Massey builds the Batterwood Estate in Canton.



# President's Report

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Welcome to this addition of the Port Hope and District Historical Society Newsletter.

2018 was a very trying year due to the death of several of our Senior Members.

The work at Dorothy's House is about to continue. We are in the process of updating the Hydro panel and the heaters located through out the Museum. This will bring the hydro service up to date and make the Museum a much safer place to work in as well as visit.

Our Executive Committee was voted back in for the upcoming year with one new addition. Helen Anne Haskill has accepted her nomination as a Director. I would like to thank her for accepting the position and we look forward to working with her during the upcoming year. A big Thank You goes out to the rest of the Committee members for their dedication and hard work.

Our annual three day yard sale is set for the last weekend of June, all proceeds go towards the maintenance of the Museum.

The 10th Annual Monarch Butterfly tag and release (possibly the last) is scheduled for August 24th. We received word that 2 monarchs were found in Mexico and another was found in Texas.

The Port Hope Fall Fair is scheduled Sept. 13, 14 and 15th. We will have a booth and welcome all visitors and any volunteers to help at the booth will be appreciated.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a enjoyable and healthy summer.

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History repeats itself but historians repeat each other. (Philip Guedalic)



## The Flood of 1878

On February 22, 1878, Port Hope witnessed one of the most disastrous and devastating floods. The town in its narrow valley was susceptible to floods due to melting snow and frequent heavy rain falls.

In 1878 there were five dams within the town limits. Flood waters rose and rain began pouring down the valley. The first dam it encountered was the Beamish Dam, located where the railroad crossed the river. This caused the destruction of a tannery business on the corner of Bedford Street. The flood waters continued downstream, destroying the Barrett Street dam and bridge, and sweeping away numerous out buildings and lumber from the Midland Car Works and O'Brien Carriage Factory. Then a large framed stable in the yard of the Ganaraska Hotel was swept away and struck an old wooden railway bridge which broke free taking out the Ontario Street Bridge. The railway bridge stayed together until it struck the Walton Street Bridge.

The volume of water grew swiftly and flowed down both Mill Street and Queen Street, flooding basements to a depth of several feet.

A dam that was in between Queen and Mill Streets was the next to be hit, causing an evacuation of all homes in the general area. Major damage was done to the bridge on Peter Street and was rendered impassable. The only means cross the river was by the viaduct.

The flood waters began to recede during the night and every street in the area of the river were left strewn with ice and debris.

The dams were never rebuilt which allowed a free flow of water. Other precautionary measures were instituted over the past century which helped to lessen the chance of another flood of this magnitude.

A three year old boy and his sibling were rescued from the river but he later succumbed to exposure. The male rescuer and the child sibling survived the ordeal.

The pictures below are from the flood of 1936.



1936 Flood—North from Walton St. Bridge. Destruction of stores.



1936 Flood from Cancilla store Firehall.



Photo Ellen Oliver

### Norma Ellen Wallace 1922-2019

Passed away at Northumberland Hills Hospital on February 12, 2019.

Norma was a long time member of Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Norma was best known for her time spent as the editor of *The Curlew* and her interest in nature.

Along with her husband Charlie, she created the Wallace Birdathon, raising funds to purchase property which became available and that was deemed worthy of protecting nature.

### Ona Isobel Gardiner

Jan 17, 1922—Oct 20, 2018

Passed away at Northumberland Hills Hospital on October 20, 2018.

Ona was a Life time member of Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Ona was born in Perrytown and her family later moved to Garden Hill.

She will be best known as the voice of Central, which was a telephone system installed by

Dr. Beatty, in his home, to better communicate with his patients. Ona remained on the job for 30 years until the telephone system was taken over by Bell telephone.

She was a prolific author, poet and journalist and her adventures were captured in her book "The Party Line".

### Events Calendar 2019

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**Wednesday, May 20 2020 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 for summer months opens July 6 on Saturdays and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July/August. Closed August 24 and reopens for final day on August 25.**

**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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