

**The Municipality of  
Port Hope Historical Society**

***Newsletter***

***Fall 2007***

**Message from the President**

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.

During the summer months, we had a student helping with preservation of the artifacts. The artifacts on the walls in the barn were taken down, white plastic removed and artifacts replaced. This has surely made them more presentable to the visitors. The student also started to put the articles into a database and digitize them for future reference. This is a big task. We were open on the

weekends and a couple of days during the week.

Thank you to David Peacock who was the student hired and all his efforts.

A special thanks to all the other volunteers who assisted, Mark Peacock, Neil MacKellar and Lana MacKellar, Ona Gardiner to name a few.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rural Ramble Farm Tour during the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in August [our 4<sup>th</sup> year to be a host] was well attended. The roasted local corn was excellent.

## **Past events** **recaptured**

Again, we had a display table at the Port Hope Fall Fair in September 2007. 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 25, 2007, 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 Mr Peter Stokes who has returned to the area presented a memorable trip down memory lane. He captured the local architecture.

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

On October 17, 2007, Shane Peacock presented his new book from the Eye of the Crow – a very interesting perception of how remarkable the crow is.

On November 21, 2007 we heard from Rob Demille and Steve Fortier who are local residents in Port Hope. They brought displays of their collections of military memorabilia that was very interesting for those of us who had not been involved directly with the war.

## **Coming events**

We try to keep the postings on the website current. Please check there first, then call one of the group.

Executive meetings are usually held the first Monday night of each month out a Canton Municipal Building from

7p.m. If you are interested in attending – you are welcome.

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

**Jan 16, 2008** – general meeting speaker to be arranged

**Feb 1 and 2, 2008**- Heritage Days at Cobourg Mall display tables – volunteers needed

**Feb 17, 2008** Heritage Days at the Lions Center – Thomas Street, Port Hope -Theme: History in Miniature

**Mar 19, 2008** – general meeting speaker to be arranged

**Apr 16, 2008**- Annual meeting

**May 21, 2008**– general meeting speaker to be arranged

**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 - no increase  
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**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to  
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**MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

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