



PORT HOPE & DISTRICT
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Society Newsletter

Port Hope and District Historical Society
(formerly known as the East Durham Historical Society)



East Durham Historical Society at the old
Fire Hall during the 1980 flood



Present day Port Hope and District Historical
Society

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future generations

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In August 1963 the East Durham Historical Society was established. Michael Wladyka (president), Melville Rae (vice president) and Jean Clayton (secretary) chaired the first meeting held at the Port Hope Library. It was agreed that the objective of the Society would be to encourage and develop the study of all phases of history, life, and customs of early settlements in Port Hope and Hope Township.

At a meeting in February 1964, plans were made to develop a constitution and a final reading and acceptance was done on April 1, 1964. The Society moved into the old fire hall on Walton St. in 1964 where it remained until the flood of 1980 destroyed the building. The historical society lost numerous artifacts and important papers due to the flood.

In 1981 Dorothy Wilson donated her house and land, in Garden Hill to the East Durham Historical Society and the property became known as Dorothy's House Museum. This gave the Society a safe and secure place for our artifacts and other important items.

In 2010 due to County realignment Port Hope was moved from East Durham to Northumberland County. A name change of the Society was required. After several discussions it was decided that the Society would become known as Port Hope and District Historical Society.

Through the years numerous repairs have been on going. Some of the work completed to Dorothy's House includes the construction of the barn, repairs to the complete interior, a new hydro panel, heaters, repairs and painting of the front porch. Numerous other repairs are being prioritized for completion.

Annual events include a three day yard sale in late June or early July and the Annual Monarch Butterfly tag and release in late August. All proceeds from these events support the maintenance and up keep of the museum.

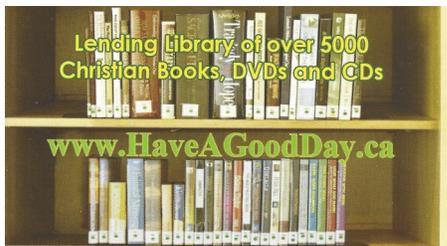
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Another season has passed and has been a busy one for Port Hope and District Historical Society. The Covid-19 pandemic hindered and delayed plans, events, and the operation of many non-profit organizations.

Our annual Three-day Fundraiser Yard Sale was successful again this year. Many families and individuals donated items for us to sell, and this popular event was well attended. Proceeds from this event will be allocated towards the repair and maintenance of Dorothy’s House Museum. We thank our volunteers who made this event possible. Thanks to Northumberland News for promoting this event.

Fourteenth Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag & Release was well attended, with 135 monarchs tagged. Monarch bearing tag AEXX 885, released at Dorothy’s House on August 28, 2022, was recovered in March 2023 at the El Rosario sanctuary in the State of Michoacan, Mexico. We are grateful to our volunteers who made this event possible, and to local journalist and photographer Pete Fisher for posting this article and video on Today’s Northumberland website: <https://tinyurl.com/2suwvmvra>

During this past season, your Society responded to many inquiries, from as far away as Washington State and Alberta, related to local history and families. Society publications on early families were mailed out. Information we provided allowed a Michigan lady to have her great-great grandmother’s grave marker repaired at St. John’s Anglican Cemetery.

Planning is underway for the continued restoration and maintenance of Dorothy’s House Museum and grounds. Your continued financial donations and volunteer hours are vital in accomplishing these objectives. We are always looking for new members and volunteers, and individuals to serve on the Executive Council.

We welcome the following new members: Irene Horne, Mike and Carol Maltby, Terry Mulvey (Lifetime Member), Ken and Lise Simmons, Glenn and Catharine Tozer, and Paul Wilson.

Your executive members would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year.

*Stephen Austin, Joan Ashby Parrott, Donald Davis, Tom Mason
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“Let’s not take ourselves too seriously. None of us has a monopoly on wisdom.” (Queen Elizabeth II)

14th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag and Release



“If your determination to succeed is strong enough, failure will never overtake you.” (O. G. Mandino)

Yard Sale 2023



Front Porch 2023



Oct. 22, 1942 - Oct. 25, 2023

Pearl Cann (Austin)

Dear wife of the late Donald Cann.

Pearl was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She was a long time member of the Port Hope and District Historical Society, who often helped out at all our fund raisers.

Her warm smile and kindness will be greatly missed.

Events Calendar 2024

Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.
AGM Meeting. Location to be announced.

Fri, Sat, Sun, July 5, 6 & 7, 2024
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 2024
Dorothy's House Museum open by appointment only. Contact Joan Ashby Parrott.

Saturday August 24, 2024
15th Annual Monarch Butterfly Tag & Release at Dorothy's House Museum, 3632 Ganaraska Road, Garden Hill, ON. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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